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SUBJECT: INCIDENTS AT AMERICAN EMBASSY, KINGSTON COMMISSARY

1. ON SATURDAY, NOV 19, 1977 AT APPROXIMATELY
1330 HOURS, UNSUCCESSFUL ATTEMPT WAS MADE TO ENTER
COMMISSARY BUILDING VIA A REAR WINDOW. WOULD-BE
INTRUDER SUCCEEDED IN PARTIALLY PRYING OPEN ONE METAL
LOUVER PANEL BUT WAS SEEN BY A YOUTH WHO RESIDES
NEARBY AND WHO REPORTED FACT TO EMBASSY MSG. POLICE
NOTIFIED AND RESPONDED. IT IS TO BE NOTED THAT ALL
WINDOWS ARE ALSO GRILLED ON INSIDE.

2. ON SAME EVENING, ABOUT 1930 HOURS, A SECOND ATTEMPT TO ENTER COMMISSARY WAS MADE. EMBASSY CONTRACT GUARD (ASSIGNED 1900-0700 HOURS EACH NIGHT UNTIL BURGLAR ALARM IS FULLY OPERATIONAL-90 PERCENT COMPLETE AT THIS TIME) ARRIVED LATE DUE TO BUS DELAY AND HEARD NOISE FROM WITHIN BUILDING. GUARD PROCEEDED TO REAR OF PREMISES AND OBSERVED THROUGH WINDOW DESCRIBED IN PARA 1 THAT ONE MAN WAS INSIDE. INTRUDER HAD USED A HACKSAW TO CUT THROGUH LOCK HASPS ON REAR RIGHT SIDE DOOR AND THEN FORCED OPEN A LOCKED WOODEN DOOR, GAINING ENTRY. GUARD WAITED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FOR INTRUDER TO EXIT AND, UPON HIS LEAVING, MADE A DISTRACTING NOISE WHICH CAUSED MAN TO TURN AROUND IN DIRECTION OF GUARD. AT THIS POINT INTRUDER BEGAN TO ASSUME A SEMI-CROUCHED POSITION AND GUARD FIRED HIS WEAPON ONCE-KILLING INTRUDER.

3. INTRUDER HAD A U.S.G. MANILA ENVELOPE IN HIS

HAND WHICH CONTAINED APPROXIMATELY J\$21 (US \$16.43) IN SMALL COINS AND BILLS, WHICH BELONGED TO COMMISSARY.

4. POLICE NOTIFIED, RESPONDED AND ARE CONTINUING INVESTIGATION TO DETERMINE THIEF'S IDENTITY. HE WAS NOT ARMED.

5. COMPLETE REPORT WILL BE FORWARDED ASAP. IRVING

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